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Aſſembled, by His Majeſties ſpeciall Summons, at *Hewarth Moore*, neere the City of Yorke, on Friday the 3. of June 1642.

With a Catalogue of the names of the Dukes, Marqueſſes, Earles, and Lords, who are now with his Majeſty at Yorke.

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TO

The Ministers, Free-holders, Farmers, and substantiall Copy-holders of the County of Yorke.

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HIS MAIESTIES Declaration

To the Miniſters, Free-holders, Farmers, and ſubſtantiall Copy-holders of the County of YORK.

WEE would have you to be aſſured, that Wee never intended the leaſt neglect unto you in any former Summons of the Countrey, Our love as well as our Protection, extending to all Our Subjects; But as you are a great Body, time and conveniencie muſt be obſerved in your aſſembling.

That you may know the generall Reaſons of Our being here, you muſt underſtand, That when Wee found neither ſafe nor honourable to expoſe our perſon to the tumultuous and licentious proceedings of many (which to this day are unpuniſhed) who did diſorderly approach neere Our Court at *White-Hall*, Wee truſted this part of Our Dominions, chiefly to reſide in; where, as moſt of the Gentry already have, ſo We aſſure Our ſelves the reſt of you will give Vs cleare teſtimony of your ſervice and obedience, which Wee will never uſe otherwiſe, then for the defence of the true Orthodox Religion profeſſed and ſetled in Queene *Elizabeths* time, and confirmed by the authority of the Sta-

tutes of this Realme, the defence of the Lawes, and fundamentall Constitutions of this Kingdome (as the justest Measure and Rule for Our Prerogative, and your Liberties and Rights) and lastly, for the preservation of the peace of this Kingdome.

As for Our own Zeal to the Protestant profession, we referre all the world to Our daily exercise of, & Our Declarations concerning it, and execution of the Lawes against the Papists; so likewise wee cannot but declare our Selfe most heartily sorry to finde such Separatists and Schismatickes, who presume against Law, to foment new Doctrines and Disciplines, to the disturbance of Church and State.

For the Law, it being the common inheritance of Our people, we shall never inforce any prerogative of Ours beyond it, but submit Our Selfe to it, and give you and all Our Subjects the fullest latitude of it, both for the liberty of your persons, and the propriety of your estates. And for an inviolable confidence and assurance hereof, as we take God (the searcher of all hearts) to witnesse our reall intention herein, so we shall no longer desire you to stand for the defence of Our Person, Honour, and just Prerogatives, then we shall maintain the Lawes of the land, the liberty of your persons, and the propriety of your goods.

And for the cleare understanding of Our resolutions to maintaine peace, wee may have the confidence and happinesse to refer (against all malignity whatsoever) to our former sixteen years reigne; (too long to dissemble our nature) if in all this time we never caused the effusion of one drop of blood, it must needs bee thought that in our riper judgement in government, we should never open such issues as might drowne Vs and Our posterity in them: But wee are sure to have no enemies, but in the defence of the true Protestant profession, the right of the established Lawes, and for the preservation of Peace: And certainly all these must bee all yours, as well as our enemies.

And to the end that this present Posture wherein Wee meet, should not affright you, with the distempers of the times, the example of the two Houses having made Vs prepare

pare for a Guard to Vs and Our Childrens Persons, We wish you to looke into the Composition and Constitution of it, and you will finde it so farre from the face or feare of War, that it serves to secure you, as well as Vs, from it: For Our choice is of the prime Gentry, and of one Regiment of Our Trained Bands, which cannot be thought to oppresse the Country (being their owne) nor warre with themselves. And We further assure you, We never intended to use Forreigners or disaffected in Religion; and that you may fully assure your selves of Our sole dependancy upon the love and service of Our owne people, to live and die with them, We have armed these Our Subjects, which had beene most irrationall, if We had ever intended to have used Strangers. And further, you may perceive that We receive none, but such as stand cleare in Loyalty and Religion, for which reason We have caused the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy to be given them. Likewise, to prevent any distempers at home, We have, and shall put the Trained Bands of all this Our Kingdome under the command of Persons of honour, confidence, and affection to their Country, straitly charging, upon their Allegiance, no Officer to accept any command in them, nor Souldiers to obey any save such as are authorised by Vs. And for the prevention of any innovated power over you, you shall have Vs here to governe you, and the Souldiory to protect you in peace, and to relieve you against all oppressions; for that, as we have told you before, must arise from some great violation (which Wee hope God will prevent) and not from this preparation of Our Subjects. Therefore let none of you be affrighted with vaine feares; if such a Warre should follow, it followes the Authors home to their owne doores; and such (by the confidence of Our Person with you) We assure Our Selfe you are not.

Here We had left you to your fidelity and duty, had not some malicious insolence in Our former meetings sent forth most presumptuous Summons, deceiving Our People, and presuming upon Our Royall Authority; and these present themselves as great defenders of Religion, Peace, and Li-

berty: whereas they become infectious, and contagious to the people, seducing them into vaine fancies and delusions as may appeare by their Warrants which We could trace to some Pulpits, as We are credibly informed: And you see it were just in Vs to punish these as Authors of sedition, but that it would be too great a favour, for it would honour them with the title of Martyrdome, for Gods cause, as they vainly pretend: But you may now see from whence this Spirit comes, that would make us to be in the act of destruction of Religion, Our Person a disturber of the Peace, and ready to introduce slavery. These here are all the forraigne Forces Wee have, or ever shall intend to have, to act these great designes, notwithstanding the vaine feares hitherto imagined. So that you see it is high time that these fancies were dispersed and driven away, that We might be repaired in Honour and Interest, and you enjoy the blessing of Peace and Happinesse; the advancement whereof shall be Our study and comfort; and therefore Wee shall (when you shall thinke it a convenient time) ease you in the number of the Trained Bands: And for you Billet-money, it had beene long since paid, but that no part of the Subsidies (which We passed for that purpose) came to Our hands, and Wee shall not be wanting in any thing that lyeth in Vs for the full satisfaction thereof: And shall make Our Grace and Bounty to you answerable to your best fidelity and loyalty, as occasion shall be offered to Vs.

A Catalogue of the names of the Dukes Marquesses, Earles, and Lords, which have absented themselves from the Parliament, and are now with his Majesty at York.

The Lord Keeper.
Duke of Richmond.
Marquesse of Hartford.
Marquesse Hamilton.
Earle of Cumberland.
Earle of Bath.
Earle of Southampton.
Earle of Dorset.
Earle of Salisbury.
Earle of Northampton.
Earle of Devonshire.
Earle of Carlile.
Earle of Clare.
E. of Westmorland.
Earle of Monmouth.
Earle of Lindsey.
Earle of Newcastle.
Earle of Dover.

Earle of Catnaivan.
Earle of Newport.
Earle of Thanet.
Lord Moubray.
Lord Strange.
Lord Willoughby.
Lord Longavil.
Lord Rich.
Lord Andover.
Lord Faulconbridge.
Lord Lovelace.
Lord Paulet.
Lord Newarke.
Lord Coventry.
Lord Savill.
Lord Dunsmore.
Lord Seymor.
Lord Capel.

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The copy of a Letter from a Gentleman at Yorke, to his friend in London, relating the number of those that appeared, with their resolution.

Sir,

I Received yours of this *Post, and here I doe returne you answer. First the King granting out a Summons to our Country Gentlemen, Ministers, and Freeholders for to be here: so there did as this day appeare one hundred thousand men on Heworth More, with declaring themselves, that they as long as they could stand with life and heart would see the King righted. And the King declared himselfe, as you will see by this inclosed booke. Thus with my love and service to you I rest,*

Yourfriend ever.

F. H.

Yorke 3. Iune, 1642.

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